

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
July 28, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by John Keshick III,
Commissioner

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; Secretary, William McNamara; and Treasurer, Phil Harmon.

Absent: 1 Vacant Position

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Bill Parsons; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne.

Absent: Inland Fishery Biologist, Max Field;

Guests: Ken Harrington, LTBB Chairman; Gerald Chingwa, LTBB Tribal Councilor; Howard Keshick, LTBB Tribal Member

Public Comment: Opened 6:10 p.m. comments made by Archie Kiogima thanking LTBB Executive for the LTBB flag donation for the Beaver Island dock.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:11 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; to adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary; supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

6:13 p.m. Phil Harmon arrived.

Discussion was held on the CORA Executive Council scheduled for August 19, 2010 in Traverse City, MI. It was decided that the document regarding LTBB and the CORA Budget issues be placed on the agenda for the next CORA meeting to be held in September.

Discussion was held on the Lake Trout allowable harvest agreement between the State of MI and SSM.

Discussion was held on the Land and Reservation meeting – new set of regulations have been developed and are being presented for the LTBB Reservation. The Natural Resource Commission for changing Rules & Regulations Procedure for approving these regulations has been developed and approved by Executive.

6:58 p.m. Ken Harrington departs meeting.

NRC reviewed the minutes of June 9, 2010.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2010 as corrected, John Keshick III, Commissioner, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstained (McNamara) 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of June 26, 2010.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2010 as corrected, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of July 14, 2010.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2010 as corrected, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Break at 7:06 p.m.

7:17 p.m. meeting reconvened

Directors Report – Doug Craven, Director

- Deer Baiting – courts overruled the deer baiting ban – waiting for clarification on the law of no baiting. NRD has been in contact with the MDNRE to ask if the ban is still in effect. If the State of MI agrees that the baiting law is no longer in effect the LTBB NRD biologist would still recommend no baiting for LTBB Tribal Members.

- Camping regulations have been submitted to Executive for approval and formatting – inquired what the status was and Su Lantz formatted and has submitted to Executive.
- BIA funding – 2011 president's budget is out and on the internet.
- Taxes on the Mackinaw City Dock were requested from Chuck Schofield.
- Horticulture Small Agriculture (HSA) – programs such as canning classes have been put on in the past and other classes will be planned in the future.
- Funds for the grants GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) funds are in and the TWG (Tribal Wildlife Grant) funds are available and a position will be posted Sr. Fisheries Research technician IV for a 2 year period.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer to approve the Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

- Whitefish point patrol to date – 2 days patrol – checked boats.
- Hunter Safety Program – 6 students are attending the combined Hunter Safety and Bow Safety class.
- Fishermen on the Little Bay De Noc fishing through the ice selling thousands of pounds of Walleye trial has been in session for the last couple of days – 3 subsistence fishermen are being charged. Two (2) of the fishermen are SSM members. The case is due to continue on August 13th, with the non tribal fishers court case completed.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Conservation Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist

- Great Lakes summer surveys have begun – 3 ports are being sampled.

- Bay Harbor meeting was attended today by Stephen Lenart – MDNRE – Leachet from mercury has been at very low levels – likely to do some treatment that is permissible by law. The Golf course is a different matter and the procedure will be to lower the levels – if the State approves it will likely be a deep well injection 6 to 8 thousand feet deep.
- Meeting working on sea lamprey mgmt plan.
- Bay Harbor mtg. someone asked if Stephen saw the latest consumption advisory for 2010 - whitefish general 14" north of Frankfort, MI

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair , to approve the Great Lakes Biologist Written and Verbal Report as presented by Michael McCreery, Conservation Officer, Phil Harmon, Treasurer; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Wildlife Biologist Report – Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist

- Meetings
 - Grants Budget Meeting – Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) and Bureau of Indian Affairs – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (BIA, GLRI) with Julie, Doug and Alan
 - Bald Eagle LTBB Reservation Plan Meeting w/Doug – July 20, 2010
 - Wolves of the Great Lakes Workshop – July 24, 2010 –
 - Rogers City, MI
 - CORA Meeting – July 22, 2010
 - Manistee, MI – Little river Casino Resort
 - Eagle Project Conference Call – July 27, 2010
 - w/ Terry Grubb, Latice Fuentes, Walter Nesser
- Field Activities
 - Tote Barge Electro fishing –
 - Carp Lake River – July 27, 2010
 - W. Branch Maple River – July 28, 2010
 - Inland Lake Waterfowl Brood Surveys / Wild Rice Monitoring
 - Spirit Lake – July 23, 2010
 - Lake O’Neal – July 23, 2010
 - Bald Eaglet @ 5 Mile Creek – July 19, 2010
- ICD Activities
 - Walleye – Preparing Spines for Aging – Randy trained Drew
 - Black Lake system – Lake Sturgeon Harvest 2011
 - See Proposal (F.Y.I.)
 - Black Bear 2010 LTBB License Quotas

- See Attached Table (F.Y.I.)
- July 31, 2010 – Chinook Salmon Harvest Limits Consultation
 - E-mail poll with Tribal Biologists
- Monitoring
 - Spirit Lake Staff Gauge @ Dam and N. Launch – July 23, 2010
- Grant Status
 - Tribal Wildlife Grant FY 2010 – Walleye Project
 - Posting Lead Technician Position Friday July 30, 2010
 - BIA GLRI – Island Project
 - Working on QAPP's
 - Tribal Wildlife Grant FY 2011
 - Proposal due: September 1, 2010
 - Eagle/Elk Project
 - Grant Application Worksheet

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Inland Wildlife Biologist Verbal and Written Report as presented by Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary, , to approve the Inland Fishery Biologist proposal for the Black Lake Sturgeon Tribal Harvest recommended for 2011 as presented by Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife Biologist and Bill Parsons, Inland Fishery Biologist; Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner

- Trap Net Operation – inventory of the trap nets at Murray Road property and salvaged what can be used and the rest will be placed in a dumpster. Need to find a place to store the trap nets during the down time.
- Set 3 trap nets – 150' by Isle Aux Galets
- LTBB Trap Net Operation is a learning process at the present time – if the trap is not tight it won't catch any fish – set the nets at the wilderness bio station then found out it is a spring and fall fishery – it has been a learning experience for the LTBB fishers as far as setting and lifting the nets.
- White Lightning former LTBB fishing vessel is now launched in the water in Charlevoix.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve the Commissioner's Verbal Report as presented by John Keshick III, NRC Commissioner; Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the LTBB 2010 Proposed Bear Harvest –

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve the recommended 2010 Bear Harvest Permits as presented by Archie Kiogima Jr., Inland Wildlife Biologist and William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion and review was held on the LTBB Reservation Natural Resource Regulations.

9:06 p.m. Archie Kiogima and Bill Parsons depart meeting.

9:08 p.m. Gerald Chingwa departs meeting.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve the LTBB Reservation Natural Resource Rules & Regulations as amended and forward to the Executive department; William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the LTBB Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program Policy and the LTBB Commercial Captain Trainer Program Policy.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to table the LTBB Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program Policy and the LTBB Commercial Captain Trainer Program Policy until the next NRC meeting to be held on August 11, 2010; William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve a commissioner attendance for the BIA training in MN

**August 18 – 19, 2010, with mileage stipend per diem travel;
Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.**

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to
approve commissioner attendance at the CORA meeting August
18 – 19, 2010 and to receive Stipend, Per Diem and mileage;
John Keshick III, Commissioner, supports.**

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve
commission attendance for the Land & Reservation meeting
August 20, 2010 and to receive Stipend, Per Diem and mileage;
Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, supports.**

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 10:48

Public Comment closed at 10:49

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to adjourn the
meeting at 10:50 p.m., William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on August 11, 2010.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date